

City of San Bernardino Annexation of Mountain View Avenue Bridge Plan for Services LAFCO ??

Introduction

The Inland Valley Development Agency is working with the City of San Bernardino to annex approximately 6.27 acres and detach a comparable amount of land underlying and adjacent to the Mountain (Mtn.) View Avenue Bridge (Bridge) over the Santa Ana River from the City of Redlands. The reorganization will also require annexation to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and its respective Service Zones. The annexation and detachment will be accomplished through a Reorganization that will be reviewed and considered by the County of San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The Reorganization must be accompanied by a companion expansion of the City of San Bernardino and San Bernardino County Fire Protection District's Spheres of Influence and a reduction of the City of Redlands' Sphere of Influence. The two cities have agreed to this proposed change in local jurisdiction. At the present time only one utility is provided to the existing Bridge: electricity. No water, wastewater, or natural gas utilities are provided or used in support of bridge operations and no school or park services are provide to the Bridge. Southern California Edison (SCE) supplies power for night lighting of the Bridge. The IVDA provides Bridge maintenance service. Under present circumstances the City of San Bernardino provides responses to emergency (law enforcement and fire protection and emergency response) service demands on the Bridge and the area proposed for Reorganization.

Detailed Discussion of Service Availability

Water Service

The Bridge is not provided any water service and the underlying property in the Santa Ana River floodplain also does not have any water service. The nearest water service is located in water lines located in Mtn. View Avenue south of the Bridge or in Central Avenue on the north side of the Bridge. The Reorganization will not alter this situation.

Electricity

The Bridge receives electric power from SCE to support night safety lighting. No electricity is provided to the underlying floodplain acreage.

Sewer

No sewer services are required for the parcels encompassed by Reorganization.

Transportation

The Mtn. Avenue Bridge has been an essential element of the area circulation system for about the last ten years. Currently, any maintenance of the Bridge is conducted by the IVDA and this will continue to be the case if the Reorganization is approved.

Lighting

Night lighting is funded and maintained by the IVDA and this will continue to be the case if the Reorganization is approved.

Schools

No school services are required for the current Bridge and this circumstance will not change if the Reorganization is approved.

Parks

No Park services are required for the current Bridge and this circumstance will not change if the Reorganization is approved.

Drainage and Roads

As indicated above, maintenance of the Bridge is funded and provided by the IVDA and this includes drainage and the roadway and bridge components.

Police/Fire/Emergency Response

Law Enforcement services are currently provided by the City of San Bernardino, and this circumstance will not change if the Reorganization is approved. The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (County Fire) provides fire and emergency response within its boundary. It is not clear whether the City of Redlands responds to emergency(ies) on the Bridge or the affected floodplain in the Santa Ana River floodplain. Given mutual aid agreements with County Fire, the City of Redlands may provide emergency service, but not typically as the first responder. Upon completion of the reorganization, County Fire will be the responsible agency for fire and emergency medical response for the entire Bridge.